

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 890****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Lori Ehrlich**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Provide Coverage for Tobacco Use Cessation Under Commonwealth Care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Angelo J. Puppola, Jr.	12th Hampden
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex

Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex and Middlesex
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION UNDER COMMONWEALTH CARE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following  
2 section:

3 Section 7. Any policy of insurance for accident or sickness, or agreement for medical or health  
4 services, which shall be delivered or issued or renewed or certified in this Commonwealth  
5 through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program described in Chapter 118H of the  
6 General Laws, shall provide as a benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the  
7 Commonwealth, for expenses of tobacco use cessation treatment as hereinafter set forth.  
8 Tobacco use cessation treatment shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-  
9 based pharmacologic aids to quitting tobacco use, and accompanying counseling by a physician,  
10 physician assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, dentist, certified tobacco treatment specialist,  
11 certified substance abuse counselor, licensed mental health counselors or other qualified  
12 clinician.